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TEMPLATES)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please consider the following preliminary amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, between the Title on line 1 and "Field of the Invention" on line 2, please add the following:

--This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/056,577, filed April 6, 1998, and Applicant hereby claims the benefit of this earlier filing date.--

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-52 and add the following claims:

1 53. A method for positioning an adjustable image relative to a cutout region within a
2 foreground image, comprising:

3 identifying a zone of interest in said adjustable image; and
4 determining effective translation and scaling parameters so that upon translating and
5 scaling said adjustable image accordingly a significant portion of said zone of interest appears
6 within said cutout region without changing the aspect ratio of the adjustable image.

1 54. A method according to claim 53 and wherein said significant portion of said zone of
2 interest is as much relative area of said zone of interest as possible, but constrained so that
3 said cutout region remain entirely within the extent of said adjustable image.

1 55. A method according to claim 53 and wherein said identifying is carried out manually.

1 56. A method according to claim 53 and wherein said identifying is carried out automatically.

1 57. A method according to claim 53 wherein said identifying is based on information as
2 to how said adjustable image was positioned within a previous cutout region.

1 58. A system for positioning an adjustable image relative to a cutout region within a
2 foreground image, comprising:

3 a zone of interest in said adjustable image; and
4 an image transform generator, determining effective translation and scaling
5 parameters so that upon translating and scaling said adjustable image accordingly a significant
6 portion of said zone of interest appears within said cutout region without changing the aspect
7 ratio of the adjustable image.

1 59. A system according to claim 58 and wherein said significant portion of said zone of
2 interest is as much relative area of said zone of interest as possible, but constrained so that
3 said cutout region remain entirely within the extent of said adjustable image.

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1 60. A system according to claim 58 wherein said editable image was positioned relative to
2 a previous cutout region, and wherein said zone of interest is determined from the portion of
3 said editable image that was contained within said previous cutout region

Respectfully submitted,

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